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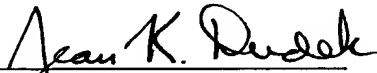
Sir:

Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-identified application. Applicants filed an Amendment on May 27, 2003 in response to the February 24, 2003 Office Action, as evidenced by the attached copy of the PTO date-stamped postcard receipt, and Applicants have not yet received a response to the Amendment from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

It is respectfully requested that an Office Action be issued or an indication of the status of the above-identified application be communicated to Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.  
office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our  
below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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